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PolOff on March 19 demarched Panayiotis Papadopoulos in the Cypriot MFA's Multilateral Affairs office regarding the inaugural meeting in Paris of the Global Initative (GI) Exercise Planning Group (reftel). Papadopoulos accepted the draft EPG terms of reference and stated that Cyprus "most probably" would send a representative to the April 15 meeting. MFA colleague Marios Kountourides might serve as Cyprus's representative, he thought. (Note: Despite numerous attempts to re-engage the MFA on this matter, as of March 31 we have not been able to confirm Kountarides's attendance at the Paris gathering. We will continue to press for an answer and will forward it to the Department via email.)
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